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TAGS: ENRG, KS

SUBJECT: USFK PETROLEUM PROCUREMENT IN KOREA

REF: A) SEOUL 7554; B) DOD 281608Z DEC, DFSC TO CINCPAC

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON RECENT ROKG OIL MISSION TO MID-EAST, FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT MINISTER KIM CHUNG TAE MENTIONED THAT ROKG IS CONCERNED LEST CONTINUED SALES OF POL PRODUCTS TO USFK BY KOREAN REFINERS JEOPARDIZE KOREA'S NEW STATUS AS FRIENDLY COUNTRY ON ARAB LIST. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ROK DEFENSE NEEDS FOR OIL WERE POINTED OUT, DISCUSSIONS WITH ARABS DID NOT MENTION THAT MINOR PORTION OF OUTPUT IS SOLD TO U.S. FORCES. IF ARABS LEARN OF THIS, THEY MIGHT EMBARGO CRUDE OIL SHIPMENTS TO KOREA. THEREFORE, MOFA WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY USG ACTION ON WORKING OUT TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE FOR DIRECT DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY CENTER PURCHASES, SUCH AS ROK DEFENSE MINISTRY PROCUREMENT TO REPLENISH STOCKS (PPWR) DRAWN BY USFK.

2. SINCE EMBASSY'S FIRST MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT, USFK AND MND PETROLEUM OFFICERS MET SEVERAL TIMES, AND USFK REFERRED ISSUE TO DFSC. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH DFSC TO DETERMINE PRESENT STATUS.

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